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MESSAGE FROM THE LLIA PRESIDENT

I hope you had the opportunity to take advantage of the "summer" October weather to get out on the water that one last time. I know we did! But it's on to fall and for those who winter elsewhere, I hope you snowbirds have a lovely time down south while we partake in the "Beauty and the Beast" winter in Wisconsin.

In 2017 the LLIA enjoys a record 565 members! Thanks to each of you for your support.

Many thanks to Bud Vance and the team of folks who shared wonderful information and updates! As we look to the past, Kathryn Calkins once again has an intriguing article, this time about buildings on the lake that lived a past life in the army. Jeff Bluhm tells of the early beginnings of Lutherdale and the connection to the home my husband and I own and love.

In the present, Don Henderson's article contains timely information we all need to consider as the snow flies and many of our homes are unoccupied for longer periods of time. Please ensure you take the

steps necessary to keep your home fire safe, secured, and accessible! Also, please consider a year end donation to our Fire Department for purchase of much needed SCBA equipment. Dave DeAngelis completes his report on water quality for the year—mostly good news but we need to keep an eye on that phosphorus. The Yacht Club and Sailing Club share their "summer in review", and hope you seek them out next year to join in the fun. While not covered in an article, thank you Herb Sharpless for again heroically attacking the purple loosestrife that try to evade your careful spraying.

On to the future. The issue of short term rentals continues to rattle around at the State and County level. Shannon Haydin provides an overview of how we got to where we are today – we will keep you informed of future changes. If you were planning to give someone a water jet pack as a holiday gift, you better rethink that idea since those devices are prohibited on our Lakes.

The LLIA Fish Committee is AWESOME, and our future includes LOTS OF BIG FISH. Brian Walsh details our 2017 stocking. Our future includes a new Chair of the Fish Committee, Jim "Corky" Corcoran. We welcome Jim and cannot thank Brian Walsh enough

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for everything he has done over the last 8 years. There is no doubt Brian's Dad is looking down at him with a very big smile.

Lastly, the LLIA Executive Committee held a planning session in early October to ensure the LLIA is well positioned to address current and future issues. While we look to engage our Directors in leading that effort, I also look to our members. If you have any ideas, concerns, questions or suggestions please contact a Director for your District. Or you can always email me at Debbie8725@aol.com.

Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Debbie Ferrari

**LAUDERDALE LAKES
HISTORY ARTICLE
By Kathryn Ingle Calkins**

Army Bones
- old Army buildings

In the first two decades of the Twentieth Century ó before the Great Depression ó Lauderdale's shores were thinly settled. However, businessmen who lived in nearby towns sometimes bought property and built modest cottages and cabins for summer use.

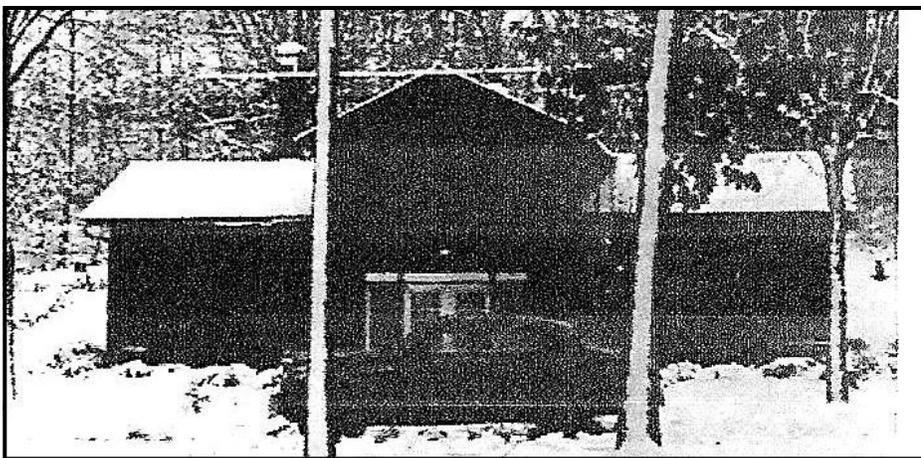
freestanding garage squatting stubbornly against the woods on the roadside opposite the lake. According to Paul Pearce of LL836, the garage is a World War I era U.S. Army building that housed trucks at Camp Grant, near Rockford, Ill.

Camp Grant, which had begun operations in 1917 as an infantry training ground, was closed as an Army facility in December 1923 and transferred immediately to the Illinois National Guard. It was re-activated as an Army camp in a smaller capacity in 1941,

According to Pearce, J.C. Cox, a grocer and merchant who lived in White-water and owned the Pearce property in the 1920s and early 30s, bought the garage in the 20s when the Army sold it as surplus. He had it disassembled, brought to its current location and rebuilt. He kept two stalls for his own use, dividing the other two among his two neighbors.

Pearce's parents bought the Lauderdale property in 1936 from Cox, whose business had gone bankrupt during the Depression. Pearce believes Cox had provided many grocery items to his customers on credit during that hard time and was forced to sell his Lauderdale property. Pearce remembers that Cox had added outhouses to the back of the garage -- a two-holer behind each stall ó and had fenced in the back as well.

Following World War II, Pearce's father had the outhouses removed and extended the back of the garage. Pearce says the building has been repaired and re-stained periodically and recently received new doors. Noting



LL830A, assembled in the 1930s from three Army barracks buildings. One is stacked on top of two others and placed at a 90 degree angle

Some families built such houses themselves during their spare time, and one way to jump start the construction process during this era between the World Wars was to buy a decommissioned Army building and move it to one's property. Two stories told by Lakes residents on West Shore Drive illustrate the technique.

Anyone who drives on West Shore regularly knows that a couple of curves after passing the Lauderdale



landing, you must make a sharp right turn around a long, serving as a POW detention center among other things. The camp was closed permanently in 1946. Much of the original land is now the Chicago-Rockford International Airport. The camp was named for U.S. General, and later President, Ulysses S. Grant.

that its doors are higher than modern garage doors to accommodate the old army trucks, Pearce calls it a sturdy building, made with ógood-sized timbersö that were cheaper and much more plentiful in the 1910s.

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Another addition from Camp Grant is LL830A, the home of Bob and Judy Ramsey.

According to the Ramseys, a physician from Delavan owned their property in the 1930s. He bought three Army barracks buildings from Camp Grant and moved them to his Lauderdale holding during the 30s. He placed two of them end-to-end and put the third on top at a 90-degree angle to those below. Although the house later received additions, the barracks still serve as living room, master bedroom, family room and another bedroom in the house.

Bob Ramsey has a letter from Al Oliver, whose parents bought the cottage from the doctor for \$2200 in 1938 and owned it until 1952. According to Oliver's letter, the doctor had assembled the cottage and built the pier, boathouse, benches and stairs. He was ill and despondent at the time he sold it to us. Cancer had recently killed his wife, and he felt if only he had been more attentive to her, he would have been able to save her. I think he died soon after. He and a fishing buddy had for years worked on the cottage, boathouse, pier, benches, rock and cement work on Wednesdays. Kathryn Ingle Calkins

Thanks to Herb and Jan Sharpless for the tip that formed the basis of this column. Anyone else with Army barracks on their properties? Email: kathryn.calkins@gmail.com

WATER SAFETY PATROL by Debbie Ferrari

Thank you to Chief Ken Blanke, Sergeant Janene Littmann and the all of the Officers for their efforts to help keep our lakes safe throughout the 2017 boating season. Many of us enjoyed the final hurrah as October of-



fered us quite a few boating days with temperatures in the high 70s, but alas, those days are now behind us.

The following amendment to our local boating ordinance became effective late in the 2017 boating season.

“Airborne Devices Prohibited. No person shall operate a boat or other motorized watercraft having in tow a person on water skis, tube, aquaplane, or engaged in similar activity, or tow, attach or connect any device using or equipped with any airborne devices (including, but not limited to, jet blades, hoverboards, jetpacks, flyboards, kites, sails, and jet boards) designed to lift such skier, aquaplaner, or person engaged in a similar activity, or such device above the surface of the water for a sustained period of time.”

This was done to address safety concerns given the density of watercraft, particularly those engaged in high speed boating activities

Please enjoy the holidays and winter season and continue to put safety first on our Lauderdale Lakes especially as the lakes begin to freeze over.

LAUDERDALE-LAGRANGE TOPICS

By Don Henderson

LAUDERDALE-LAGRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

All the members of the Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department extend their thanks

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018	
DATE	EVENT
2-10	LLLMD Directors Meeting

to all the people that attended the August Steak Fry. The annual event was very successful this year with a net profit of \$12,000. These funds are being used with along with some budgeted money to replace existing Fire Fighter turnout gear and supporting equipment that is no longer in good serviceable condition.

This was the eighth year the Department worked with the current owners of The Lauderdale Landing Restaurant. Fire Chief Duerst related the Landing Staff were very supportive and great to work with. All the Fire Department members wish to extend their appreciation and thanks to the Healy Family for the use of The Lauderdale Landing Restaurant and Grounds for their Annual Steak Fry Fund Raiser.

Fire Chief John Curly Duerst said, "A Volunteer Fire Department takes the dedication of many people. The volunteer staff we have is totally dedicated to providing the best Rescue and Fire Fighting techniques and equipment to assure the support and safety of people and property in this area. The area property owners and residents are true partners in this effort by supporting our Department through gifts and fund raisers. I extend my personal thanks to all of you for making the Department very successful."

Additional Fire Fighters Are Needed

Additional men and women Fire Fighters and Emergency Rescue Technicians are needed to increase the active Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department Volunteer staff to the 42-approved staff level. There are currently 32 volunteers now. A comprehensive education and hands on training experience prepares each new volunteer for Fire Department staff duty prior to active participation. Please contact Chief Duerst at 262.495.8610 if you or someone you know has an interest or in becoming a Department Volunteer member.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

All fire fighters entering a burning building must wear a SCBA to assure they can breathe fresh air, and they are not overcome by smoke. The SCBA equipment includes a face mask, regulator, and tank of air. The tank is carried in a back pack. The Department has 16 low pressure SCBA units plus another 20 extra tanks for backup.

Through the years the SCBA units have been redesigned by the manufacturers and now all new SCBA units use a high-pressure tank that provides additional air to assure a Fire Fighter has adequate air to go into and get out of a burning building. As the Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department is a mutual aid Department, it responds to Elkhorn, Whitewater, Delavan, and several other Fire Departments needs in fighting fires. All these Departments have upgraded their SCBA units to the high-pressure design. It is very important that Lauderdale-LaGrange also upgrade now.

The Department plans to purchase 16 new SCBA high pressure design units and an extra 20 high pres-

sure backup tanks. In addition, a new high-pressure air compressor to refill the tanks will also be purchased. Total cost for the upgrade is estimated to be \$125,000.

The Department application for a Financial Grant to assist in purchasing this equipment will not be granted. It is the Department intention to hold future fund raising events to make the SCBA Equipment Purchases.

Does Your Home Have A Burglar or Fire Alarm System?

Many homeowners in The Town have alarm systems to provide security and also to send an automatic notification if a problem occurs while you are away. Alarm Systems are effective—and the Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department will respond as follows.

- A general fire alarm shall be treated as a fire until proven otherwise.
- The homeowner alarm system sends an alarm to the Alarm company that has supplied your system. The Alarm Company then calls 911 and reports your home has a fire.
- Please provide your Alarm Company with the name and telephone number of the Key Holder for your home. Ask your Alarm company to also give the 911 operator the name and number of your Key Holder so that this information is also passed on to the Fire and Police Department for contact.
- If no one is present at the building, a key holder/ key box shall be the first line to gain entry to determine the alarm cause.
- If a key holder/ key box is unable to be located and an exterior visual inspection is unable to clear a building, and communication with the land/ building owner is not possible, a door

or window shall be breached to gain access.

- If entry was forced into the structure the Sheriff's Department shall be notified to contact the owner to make arrangements to secure the structure.

It is very beneficial to have a Key Holder nearby. The Key Holder is someone that lives close to your home, and an individual that can unlock the home if the Fire or Sheriff Department responds to an alarm call.

Chief Duerst recommends that each home with an alarm have a Key Holder to help in case of emergency. Please provide this information to Your Alarm Company so they can notify the 911 Operator in case of emergency.

Home Fire Safety Tips

The Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department Volunteers ask all property owners and residents to think and practice fire safety. Test all your Fire Alarms. Be sure that an alarm is installed in each bedroom. Even the fire alarms wired into your electrical system have a battery backup. Be sure you have new batteries in all the alarms every year if required. A good time to change alarm batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms is when you change your clocks from daylight savings to central time. That day has passed this month, but please take time to change these batteries now.

All Fire Alarm Manufacturers state that the entire alarm should be replaced every ten (10) years. This applies to all styles of alarms. Check the make of your fire alarm and contact the manufacturer if it is an alarm that is wired into your electrical system. The manufacturer will recommend the model of alarm to replace your existing alarm with the least amount of work.

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Furnace inspections by qualified technicians assure the combustion process is correct and the all exhaust gas is going outside and not into the house. Many homes have wood stoves and fireplaces that enhance the ambiance of the home and lower heating costs. Fireplaces and wood stoves are effective, but be sure your chimney is free of creosote and the stove vent pipes are not blocked as you will not want a chimney fire or a home full of smoke. Clean them now before you want to use them in the winter.

The Holiday Season will soon be here. As you decorate your home, be careful to keep decorations well away from hot lights, stoves, fireplaces, and candles. Also, be sure you extinguish candles when you are not in the same room, as you may forget they are lit and as they burn down cause a fire to be started. If you have a decorated Christmas tree, be sure it is away from the fireplace and other open flames. Fire Fighters recommend using low wattage electric lights that will not ignite the needles.

Please keep your driveway clear of tree limbs and branches. Fire Trucks need a minimum clearance of 12ø wide and 12ø tall to gain access to your property. If you have a problem, you will want the fire truck or rescue ambulance to reach your house without being damaged by your tree limbs. Late fall and winter is the best time for tree trimming. And with winter snow soon to arrive, please keep your driveways and private roads plowed wide and frequently so that an ambulance or a fire truck may quickly reach your home during an emergency.

The Town Highway Department plows snow on all Town owned roads, but many homes around Lauderdale Lakes are located on private roads and/or long driveways. The home owners have total responsibility for private driveways and roads. Make your snow plowing arrangements now to assure a

clear roadway for the emergency vehicles to reach your home should they be needed this winter.

Call 911 if you need to report a fire, medical emergency, or an accident. And finally, have a fire safety plan for your family. Review it with your family members and practice the plan so your family will be safe should you experience a fire in your home.

TOWN OF LAGRANGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Now that fall is here and we have taken our boats out of the water for the winter, most of us are not looking forward to the cold days of winter, unless you really enjoy ice fishing. Yet winter is just a few weeks away as this article is being written.

The Town Highway Department has already been preparing for winter for several weeks. Highway Commissioner Pat Hoffman and his crew have been mowing the grass and cutting back brush and trees along the road sides.

The tractor shown below has a flail mower mounted at the end of a boom. This flail mower is controlled by the operator in the tractor cab and it may be positioned vertically to cut back brush and trees limbs or horizontally to mow the grass in the ditches beside the road or even in behind guard rails.

Mounting snow plows and sanding equipment on the three town work trucks used for winter snow removal is another fall work project. The three Town Trucks shown on page 6 all have front plows to remove the snow from the road and the side mounted wing plow that pushes the snow far off the road into the ditch where possible. One person operates each plow truck. As the plows and sanding equipment are hydraulically controlled the operator just needs to move electrical switches to raise or lower the plow and wing and start or stop the sander. Still it takes a lot of operator skill to drive the plow truck successfully on slippery roads with visibility limited by swirling snow and make the roads safe for all to use during winter weather.





if you hire a person to plow snow for you. Snow on your property should stay on your property, and it must not be pushed across the road when you clear your driveway and walkways. Please inform your snow plowing contractor if you hire this work.

**PLEASE DRIVE WITH CARE
WHEN FOLLOWING A SNOW-
PLOW TRUCK**

Pat has three snow plow routes and in total over 63 miles of Town roads are cleared and sanded with each snowfall. Driving a snow plow truck is demanding as the snow often swirls up across the cab and limits visibility both forward and backward. **Wisconsin law requires motorists following a Snow Plow Truck to stay back 500 feet.**

Town Highway Department employees ask all motorists to use extra caution and please stay back the required distance. This is especially important at intersections when snow plow trucks often need to plow around a corner and then back up before turning to plow the other direction.

Plowing snow off the many winding and hilly Town roads around the Lakes is the greatest challenge. Pat asks all of us to please keep our boats, utility vehicles, ATVs, cars and trucks, and garbage and recycling containers well back from the road side. It is important to have area alongside the road free to plow snow onto so that the road width is not reduced during the winter months.

The garbage and recycling containers continue to be used, and John's Disposal Service will make the collection on the regular assigned day which is Monday for most of the Lake properties. Please place your recycling and garbage bins on the end of your driveway next to the road, not on the road. **And PLEASE ASK A NEIGHBOR THAT LIVES NEAR YOU YEAR AROUND TO MOVE YOUR CONTAINERS BACK TO YOUR HOUSE**

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It is important to review Town ordinances regarding snow before the winter storms arrive. It will make our Town Highway Department job easier and make our roads safer for all to use during the winter months.

The LaGrange Town Board passed an Ordinance regulating the placement of snow on roadways by Town Residents in March 2008. Excerpts taken from ORDINANCE NO. 2008-01 are as follows:

SECTION 1 states there shall be no placing of snow on any roadway in the Town of LaGrange that would create a hazardous condition for vehicle travel and persons shall not plow snow across the roadway from their driveway.

SECTION 2. COSTS AND PENALTIES. A. Penalties. Any person adjudged to have violated any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit \$50 together with the costs of prosecution per for each offense.

SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT AND BOND. This ordinance may be enforced by a Town of LaGrange Road Commissioner or the

Walworth County Sheriff Department issuing a citation pursuant to the provisions this ordinance, as amended from time to time.

This ordinance was put in place to assure that when the Town Highway Maintenance Department Trucks plow the snow off the road and they sand/salt the roads generally at the same time, the salt and sand stay on the highway.

Plowing snow from a driveway and pushing it across the highway/Town road will also scrape the sand and salt off the roadway. This creates a potentially hazardous situation for vehicles being driven on these roads. The road surface where the snow was pushed across the highway when plowing your driveway, no longer has the Highway Department salt and sand to prevent icing, and it will very likely become slippery. In addition, when the snow is being pushed across the highway some snow remains on the roadway which also contributes to the slippery road condition.

The homeowner or renter is responsible for snow placement, and **you are responsible for the snow regardless**

AFTER COLLECTION IF YOU ARE THERE ONLY ON WEEKENDS.

The containers may interfere with snow plowing and certainly they detract from the beauty of our property when left next to the road all week.

Following these procedures will make The Town Highway Department snow plowing more effective and our Town roads will be safer for all to use.

Compost Site

The Town Compost Site will close for the winter before Deer Season begins on November 18, 2017. The last Saturday it will be open will be November 11.

LAUDERDALE LAKES SAILING CLUB By Glenn Hansen

We just completed our 50th year as an organized Sailing Club and it was terrific. There were many great performances this year and some of our sailors showed lots of improvement in tactics and speed. Since our spectacular 50th anniversary party with none other than Buddy Melges himself, we were out on the course every Sunday trying to win.

2nd half race winners included:

Mike Jaeger, Peter Van Kampen, John Hamilton, Ray Eichenlaub and Dave Cleveland

No one had a better season than long-time sailor, Doug Ward. He finished in the top 5 in 8 different races and placed first in both the regatta and season series. He was easily declared our Sailor of the Year. Way to go, Doug!



The Harry Truman race is our last race of the season and takes place on the Sunday after Labor Day weekend. It is distinctive, as we start in Green Lake and sail through the channel on our way to rounding the small island in Mill Lake, before returning through the channel to a Green Lake finish line. The conditions were near perfect for this year's race, which was won

Probably the best part of the sailing season is seeing the improvement by the sailors who have not sailed with us for very long. Mike Fuller had another great season and Bob Wojda had some terrific races. Our youngest sailor Michael Engel had 8 top 10 finishes which shows he has become a force on Sunday mornings.



by Jim Johnson as a single, while the 2-person race was won by Dave Cleveland and Denise Engel.

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I have been appointed as Commodore for the 2018 season and, along with Vice- Commodore Ben Johnson, we hope to follow in the footsteps of our longtime leader, Peter Van Kampen. I believe I can speak for our entire Sailing Club when I express an enormous amount of gratitude to Peter for keeping our club strong and fun. He has served as Commodore for almost 20 years and our club has never been better. He is inclusive and has always been a great teacher as many of our sailors are better because of his training. If you have ever considered joining our club, you can be assured that Peter Van Kampen will do everything in his power to show you the ropes(lines) and help you become a skilled sailor and have a lot of fun.

We are looking forward to next season on the lakes and wish you all a safe winter and Happy Holiday season.

Here is to our next 50 years.

THE FISH COMMITTEE **By Brian Walsh**



What a great 2017 for the Lauderdale Lakes fishing community. We had another successful year of fish stocking, fish catching, crib building, jamborees, and rule changes. Looking back, I would consider it a very successful year. I'd hit on all these topics later in the article but first I'd like to let you in on a transition within the fish committee. I've been lucky enough that 8 years ago my good friend, and really second father Randy Norris volunteered me to lead the fish committee. He told me there would be a tremendous amount of support which was true, so I accepted the role. Over the last 8 years, I'm proud of all the committee has accomplished. I

hope my Dad has been looking down and is proud of what we have accomplished. I'd let you in on a little secret, every decision I made over the last 8 years was based on what I thought he would have done, so I guess that's why we have been so successful.

We need to keep the momentum going from the last 8 years. That's why I believe it's best to have a new chairman lead the fish committee. I'm not going anywhere and I look forward to supporting the new chairman, as I have been supported. And to be completely honest, the fish committee, all the LLIA membership and the entire lake community made the position rather easy. So I'm glad to announce that Jim Corcoran, aka Corky will be taking over the fish committee in 2018. Corky is a long time lake resident, dedicated outdoorsman, and shares many of the guiding principles we practice within the fish committee. I did have some foresight into the transition which is why I set up a generic email address to contact the fish committee. Corky will be taking over the [\[committee@hotmail.com\]\(mailto:committee@hotmail.com\) email account so no one needs to learn a new email address. I look forward to the next 8 years with Corky at the helm supporting him as I have been supported.](mailto:lliafish-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Now that the administrative hoopla is out of the way, let's talk about the fun stuff. First, the fish stocking. With the help of your donations, we stocked over 2,400 Smallmouth bass this year into the lakes. This should be a great jumpstart to the Smallmouth abundance that lake could use. In addition to the Smallmouth, we also stocked 450 Northern Pike. The Northern are really helping balance the overall fishery and is helping the lake grow larger fish of all species. This couldn't be done without your support so please keep it up. For 2018, how awesome would it be for Corky to have a banner year of stocking? This can be done with the help of your donations so please consider an end of year donation to the fish stocking (I am going to miss asking for your money).



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Not only did the LLIA stock bass and northern, but the WDNR also stocked over 12,000 large walleye into the lakes. That's not a typo, over 12,000. This was accomplished because we were able to have the lake classified as a centennial lake 4 years ago. These fish didn't cost the lake a penny so it is a tremendous gift. I look forward to seeing the pictures of some of these beauties caught.

Now for the boring legal stuff, we do have new fishing regulations. Starting in 2018, there will be a new size and length regulation for the bass and walleye. There will be a special mailer coming out early next year to the entire lake community with the specifics. Additionally we will be posting the regulations at the boat launches. This initiative started 8 years ago and it has been a long process. But with the changes, we should finally be able to correct the Lauderdale Bass issue and also preserve the walleye fishery for our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Of all we have accomplished, I'm most proud of this.

Fish cribs are heavy. I just wanted to put that out there. And there are 20 of them helping our fish habitat. This was a program that was a brain child of Jeff Angst and supported by the LLIA and it turned out to be a smashing success. The fish committee will be placing 4 more in 2018. Do you know where? Do you want them by your house? If you answered yes to either of these questions, contact Jeff or Corky for the details.

The 2nd annual fishapoolza will be held this winter to support the fish stocking efforts. I know they already have a brand new 80 gas powered Jiffy ice auger they will be raffling off. Look for the next shorelines for the exact day and time. Or stop by the Lauderdale Landing for details. The annual kids fishing jamboree will be held again next July. Corky is working on solidifying the date and will have that info for you next shorelines.

Well, that's it for me. I purposely have not mentioned many folks who have been tremendous help and supporters of mine over the years because there are too many to list. You know who you are so thank you. I guess the second to last thing I should do is ask for your donations. Over the last 8

years, the fish committee has spent the donations we received with one thing in mind, be good stewards of the money. We understand how hard we all work for the

Become a Kettle Moraine Land Trust Member

Join us in becoming a KMLT member with your tax deductible membership. In addition to supporting conservation work, members receive newsletters 3 times a year and free admission to KMLT events.

Yes, I would like to become a Kettle Moraine Land Trust member!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please mail completed form with check to:

Kettle Moraine Land Trust
P.O. Box 176
Elkhorn, WI 53121
262-949-7211

Membership Levels	
Member	\$35 - \$99
Conservationist	\$100 - \$299
Naturalist	\$300 - \$999
Legend Builder	\$1000 and up

Qualify for a small engraved brick.
Qualify for a large engraved brick

money we have, so the fact you have given so generously has never been lost on us, or will it be moving forward. So please let's set Corky up for a great 2018 and increase our donations this year. And finally, I will mention two people by name. Mom and Dad, thanks for giving the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful lake community. I love you.

KETTLE MORAINE LAND TRUST
By Maggie Zoellner, Executive Director

Kettle Moraine Land Trust protects beautiful lands and waters for your enjoyment and future generations.



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Petersen Island Woods Preserve continues to receive a lot of use from trail walkers, nature lovers and those looking to relax and refresh in nature. Attached is a photo of the new Trailside Terrace. The terrace is a special place that honors and memorialize events with personalized inscribed bricks. KMLT volunteers maintain the trail by clearing downed trees and adding wood chips to make the hikers experience safe and enjoyable. Anyone interested in a memorial brick or volunteering for KMLT should contact Maggie at maggie@kmlandtrust.org, or call 262-949-7211.

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LAUDERDALE LAKES YACHT CLUB By Commodore Laura Allen

Summer is officially over and most boats are stored and piers removed. It certainly won't go down as the warmest summer in history, but skiers and boarders were out enjoying the warm temperature in mid October. If you want to squeeze every bit of lake life out of summer, you are encouraged to join the Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club. No Yacht? No boat? No worries! All that is required to join is \$40 per family annually and a desire to meet new people and attend fun parties.

This past summer, we kicked off the season at Ivan's Backstage with Cocktails with the Commodore. Dancing to live music and dressed in pirate garb, all attendees had a wonderful time. We held the first Classic Car show at Lutherdale Camp in June. Our annual LLYC sponsored fireworks to celebrate the Fourth of July was another hit and promises to be even better in 2018. In July, the LLYC supported the Kids Fishing Jamboree and the same night sponsored the Boat Riddle Event. In August, we held a pig roast at the Lauderdale Lakes Golf Course. Finally, we wrapped up the season with a lovely Bon Voyage party at 841 Brewhouse in Whitewater.

Many fun activities are in the works for summer of 2018. Watch for the mailing in May so that you can join us for what promises to be an amazing lineup of fun parties.

After serving two years as Commodore, Reid Patterson turned over responsibilities in October at the Fall Party. Our new leadership for 2017-2019 includes:

Officers:

Commodore: Laura Allen, Vice Commodore: Peggy Eggert, Rear Commodore: John Jilek, Secretary: Debbie Loeding, Treasurer: Loretta Auchinleck

Board of Directors:

Bill Corbett, Jean Henderson, Bob Lindsten, Barry Lutz, Tom Short, Pete Spaulding, Carole Zerwas

Commanders:

Mike & Kathy Alagna, Dean & Tracey Bostrom, Andrew & Ellen Brown, Patty & Dale Hargrave
Jim & Marianne Kreoplin, Fred & Pam Rawles, Larry Zerwas

Safety & Ed Secretary:

Patti Jilek

STATUS OF SHORT TERM RENTALS IN WALWORTH COUNTY.

Shannon Haydin, Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management, Deputy Director/ County Conservationist

For many, many years, Walworth County regulated short term rentals through its zoning code. As far back as the early 1970s, Walworth County prohibited short term rentals in single family residential zone districts, allowing them in a select few business districts. The County Board has always been firm in its belief that short term rentals undermine a culture of community in a neighborhood. The parties and noise, garbage left out for a week at a time, parking problems, and random strangers in the neighborhood can diminish peaceful quality of life at the lake. Throughout the years the County managed compliance through complaints, issuing tickets to violators from time to time.

Fast forward to around 2010 when the short term rental market in Walworth

County really started to take off with the advent of online booking tools such as Vacation Rental by Owner (VRBO) and AirBNB. In the past, lake homes were primarily a second home for families, who on occasion rented them out via word of mouth to cover costs of owning a second home while the home was otherwise vacant.

Online booking programs such as VRBO and AirBNB began to change the nature of these low-key transactions. Owning a lake home for the sole purpose of renting it out short term became an incredibly lucrative investment with very little work up front. No longer did you have to place a written ad in the newspaper or meet someone at the property to show them around. Now, you could show the property in online photos, make bookings and take payments without ever having to meet someone face to face.

Around the time that these listing tools became popular, the nature of the complaints the County received began to change. From reports of drug and prostitution deals happening outside people's windows during the bachelor party next door, to the bus of 40 high school kids showing up for a "kegger" for the weekend, it became unreal. In 2010, the County Zoning Agency reopened the discussion on short term rentals and began to explore whether or not the County should begin allowing rentals through a permitting process. After a long thoughtful public review process, the County decided to keep the code as it was.

Shortly after that, the County began heavier enforcement, still on a complaint-driven basis. One violation ultimately resulted in a court case that was subsequently lost by the County. This case is often referred to as the "Growth Management" case based on the name of the property owner that took legal action against the county. As a result of *Growth Management*, the County Zoning Agency again reviewed its code in 2014 and decided to keep the code as-is with a few minor revisions in response to the case.

The final *Growth Management* appeal decision was issued in 2015. Around that time, the County Zoning Agency asked staff to get a handle on the short term rent-

als. Complaints were escalating and neighbors aggrieved by the party properties were becoming increasingly impatient and desperate for compliance. County staff began an aggressive enforcement effort, identifying over 80 short term rentals in unincorporated Walworth County that were in violation of the zoning code. Letters were sent to all of these individuals and over one-half of them discontinued their illegal rental in April of 2016.

Twenty five individuals receiving notice from the County that they were in violation of the zoning code appealed this determination to the County Board of Adjustments. After 8 hours of testimony and postponement of a decision for a month, the Board of Adjustments found in favor of the County. Subsequently, 15 of the appellants took their case to the Walworth County Circuit Court. Their cases are currently under review by Judge Reddy and a final decision is expected November 14, 2017.

In the meantime, the recent State budget which was passed on September 21, 2017 and is known as 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, limited local communities' regulation of short term rentals. The budget bill expressly states that local communities cannot prohibit short term stays of 7-30 days. The bill also says that if a local community has a regulation on the books that conflict with the language in the bill, it would be immediately null and void.

At their October meeting, the County Zoning Agency (CZA) reviewed the information from the State Statutes and set a workshop to discuss how to proceed. That workshop is scheduled for Thursday, November 16th at 3:30 PM. Options to consider include licensing and changes to the zoning code. Once they CZA determine how to proceed, there will be public hearings. If anyone is interested in seeing the discussion they can watch live online as the meeting is happening or they can review the video after the fact. <http://www.co.walworth.wi.us/committees/CommYearDetails.aspx?ID=1210> Any changes to the Walworth County Code will occur at a public hearing. While the County sorts through all of this, the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) still requires licensing for stays less than

30 days though their Tourist Rooming House licensing. Stay tuned!

LUTHERDALE NEWS

By Jeff Bluhm,
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Lutherdale has a long history on Lauderdale Lakes, dating back to 1944. Many people have come and gone over the years, both those who have benefitted from attending one of our programs and those benefactors who have helped to build Lutherdale. A significant name in our history records that goes back to the very beginning is Robert and Inga Groen of Chicago. They owned a home on Mill Lake (currently owned by Debbie & Joe Ferrari) and were very involved in getting the Lauderdale Lutheran Bible Camp up and running. Their home was passed down to their daughter Marion Stanfield and her husband Bob. Their home was enjoyed by many of the growing family members each and every summer. Times at the lake home are treasured memories for their kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. Several years ago the Stanfield family held a family reunion here at Lutherdale. The lake still holds a special place in their hearts. Marion passed away last year at the glorious age of 96. She was a strong woman who cared deeply for her family.

To honor Marion and her parents, the family is planning a special memorial to be constructed at Lutherdale in the coming months. A beautiful landscaped patio and seating area will be built on the hillside facing the lake. Each bench will have a special memorial plaque, one for the Groen Family and one for the Stanfield Family.

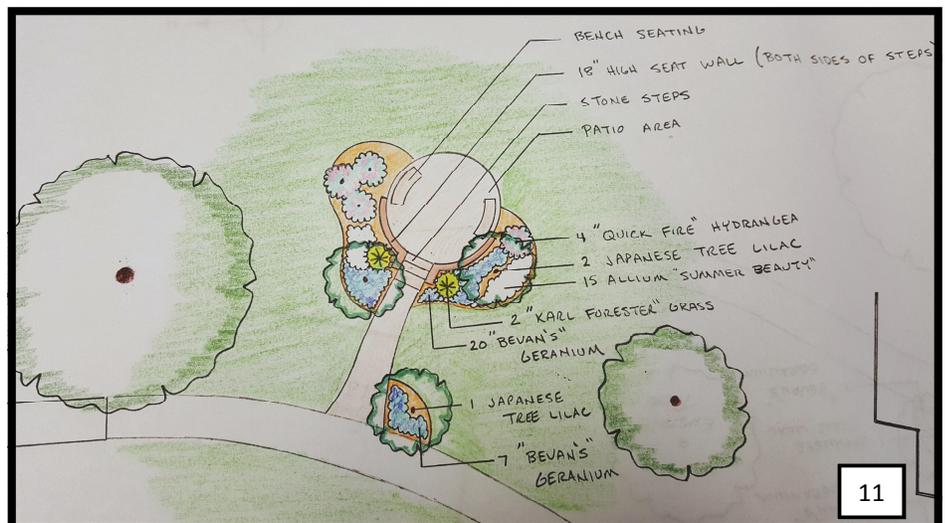
We are blessed to receive this lovely addition to our campus that will highlight the legacy of a special lake family.

WATER QUALITY UPDATE FOR LAUDERDALE LAKES

By Dave DeAngelis

Water Quality Update By Dave DeAngelis

With the 2017 water testing season wrapped up, it's a fall tradition to review the water quality results from this past summer and compare them to prior years. We perform SECCHI DISC testing twice per month in each lake, starting in April and ending in October. We've observed steady, incremental improvements in water quality in all three lakes over the past 15 years. The most important periods occur during the high stress months of July and August. It is during these months that our lakes see the most boating traffic, swimming and extreme levels of recreational usage. On page 12, you will see SECCHI DATA from the WDNR website for all three lakes over the past 12 years (2006 through 2017). Over this 12 year period, the overall trend for water clarity shows that it is improving. The data for 2017 is flat compared to 2016. We saw an increase from 7 feet to 8 feet for Mill Lake, a decrease from 13 feet to 12 feet in Green Lake and zero change in Middle Lake. That said, the overall trends for all three lakes shows steady improvement.



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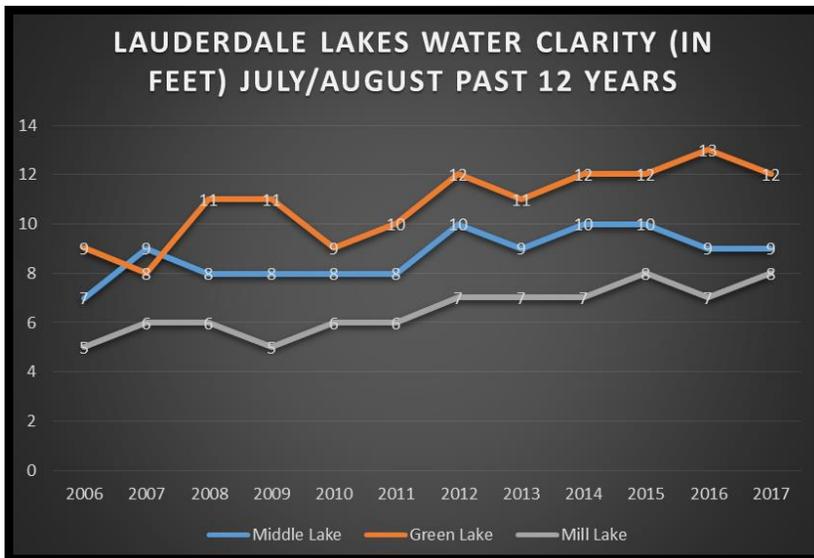
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Phosphorous levels in all three lakes showed a slight **increase** from 2016 to 2017. The 2016 average for all three lakes was 13.6 micrograms/liter. The 2017 average for all three lakes was 14.5 micrograms per liter. The 2017 average, while higher than the 2016 average, is in line with Phosphorous readings in our region and is lower than the overall 15 year trend. We will keep an eye on these

readings in 2018 to ensure that we are not sliding in the wrong direction.

As I've stated in previous articles, this is the result of a team effort that includes improved septic monitoring by the Lake District, strong enforcement and oversight of our shore line ordinances, technology improvements (i.e. better motors on our boats) and increased

awareness among our community as it relates to land usage. Let's keep up the great work!

Lastly, I need to give KUDOS to Mark Curcio for all of his support this past year. Much of the water clarity data from 2016 and 2017 was collected by Mark this past year and we are very grateful for his help.

See you on the Ice!

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